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Tillman Jumps on Roosevelt.

Says the Presidents's Ways are Sometimes Tricky.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Panama canal bill was laid before the Senate today and Mr. Bacon presented an amendment requiring quarterly reports giving list of officers and employees of the canal commission above the grade of labor and the salaries paid them. Mr. Tillman took the floor. He said the President was a patriotic man, and expressed the opinion that he had the best interests of the country at heart as he sees them. Yet he meant to give some instances showing that "when he sets his heart on anything he is absolutely blind to the law and so determined to have his own way that he ruthlessly tramples under foot the constitution of the United States." He referred to his method of securing the right of way for the canal and to the negotiation of the San Domingan treaty, neither of which could be justified.

Referring to the San Domingo treaty Mr. Tillman said that when a man accomplishes by unlawful methods something he cannot otherwise accomplish, he called it trickery. Mr. Spooner responded that that term was nasty and undignified, and should not be used in speaking of the head of a coordinate branch of the government.

A Shocking Suicide

Mr. Ervin Robertson, formerly of Lancaster, Takes His Own Life at His Home in Rock Hill—Particulars of the Tragedy.

Mr. J. Ervin Robertson, formerly of Lancaster but for some years a resident of Rock Hill, committed suicide in that city last Sunday night. He was a son of the late Ervin Robertson of Chesterfield, and was about 50 years old. He was a brother of Mrs. Amos McManus, of Lancaster, Mrs. John W. A. Porter, of Dixie and Mrs. J. D. Flynn, of New Cut. He also leaves a sister in Chesterfield, Mrs. Baker.

Mr. Robertson was in Lancaster some two or three weeks ago, visiting his son here, Mr. W. A. Robertson.

A special from Rock Hill to the Charlotte Observer gives the following particulars of Mr. Robertson's death:

Mr. Ervin Robertson, an old resident of Rock Hill and for a long time in the meat business here, committed suicide last evening by swallowing a mixture containing an ounce each of carbolic acid and spirits of turpentine. The poison was

taken about 7 o'clock. A physician reached the sufferer within half an hour but was unable to bring relief, death following in about ten minutes.

Last summer Mr. Robertson had this mixture in his yard for treating an injured horse and had placed the bottle in the well house. He had been in low spirits for some time and yesterday procured the bottle and swallowed its contents. It is thought that his condition previous to the act was such that he was hardly aware of what he was doing. His suffering was intense. Mr. Robertson had been out of employment about four months. He was twice married and leaves a large family, among them being several grandchildren.

Death of Mrs. Martha Blackmon.

The Aged Widow of W. L. Blackmon Succumbs to a Stroke of Paralysis.

Mrs. Martha Blackmon, who was stricken with paralysis some days ago, as noted in The News at the time, died at an early hour yesterday morning, at the home here of one of her sons, Mr. S. T. Blackmon, where she was living when stricken. Mrs. Blackmon was the widow of the late W. L. Blackmon, and was 80 years old the first of last October. She was a daughter of the late Jarret Hill. She leaves four sons and a daughter, Mr. O. C. Blackmon, of this vicinity; Mr. S. T. Blackmon, of this place; Mr. W. S. Blackmon, of the Beaver Creek section; Mr. Jesse L. Blackmon, of Texas, and Mrs. R. J. M. Steele, of this county.

Mrs. Blackmon was a lady of remarkable energy and industry and her happiest moments were when she was contriving to the happiness of others. She was especially devoted to her children, and to strive for their comfort and welfare was ever with her a labor of love. She was also noted for her deep piety and the uniform regularity with which she attended divine services, oftentimes walking miles to go to church. Rain or shine, her familiar face was to be seen in church on the Sabbath day. She joined the Baptist church in her girlhood and remained up to her death one of its most zealous and devout members.

The burial of Mrs. Blackmon took place yesterday afternoon in the new cemetery, after funeral services conducted at the house by Dr. Boldridge.

Lancaster Camp W.O.W. will meet Thursday night Dec. 21st. A full attendance desired, as officers are to be elected for the year 1906.

Tom Stevens

Was the Name of the Dead Indian Found in Public Road—He Was 110 Years Old.

The body of the dead Indian found in a public road in the upper portion of the county last Friday, an account of which was published in Saturday's issue of The News, proved to be that of Tom Stevens, the oldest Indian at the reservation across the river in York county.

Chief Harris and others of the tribe that came over after the body said that old man Stevens was 110 years old. He was one of the few full-blooded Indians remaining in this country.

Stevens came over into this county to collect a debt owing him. The sum of \$1.66 was found in his pockets. It is thought that the old man was overcome with fatigue, and sinking down in the road, was unable to rise again. The ground about where he lay showed that he had struggled hard to get up. Dr. Elliott, who examined the body for the coroner, is of the opinion that the old man, after his ineffectual efforts to rise, fell asleep, and that he froze to death while in that condition.

Mr. W. McF. Mayer Dead.

Death Came to Him Suddenly Friday Night at His Room in the Imperial Hotel—The Dead Body Found in Bed Saturday Morning.

This community was shocked Saturday morning when the fact became known that Mr. W. McF. Mayer, familiarly known to his friends as "Preach" Mayer, was dead. His dead body was found Saturday morning in his bed at the Imperial hotel, his death having occurred suddenly some time during the night. Mr. Poole, proprietor of the hotel, passed Mr. Mayer's room about 10 o'clock Friday night and he was then sitting by the fire smoking a cigar. He had been in bad health for several months, but was able to be up and about. His death was due to natural causes.

Mr. Mayer was a son of the late Andrew Mayer and was in his 55th year, having been born in Lancaster, March, 25, 1850. He is survived by one brother, Mr. M. C. Mayer, a prominent citizen of Charlotte, and three sisters, Miss Maggie Mayer, of Oxford, N. C.; Mrs. Fannie Jones and Miss Maria Mayer, of Lancaster. He was never married.

Mr. Mayer was a man of unimpeachable integrity, kind-hearted and generous, and was ever loyal to his friends. He was especially fond of children, doing everything in his power

to promote their happiness, oftentimes practicing self-denial in order to make presents to those to whom he was particularly attached. Though a man of strong pride, Mr. Mayer was as tender hearted as a woman, and was possessed of many noble traits of character.

The remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon in the old cemetery, the Rev. Chalmers Fraser conducting the funeral services.

Cotton Growers' Association.

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting of the County Association Monday—Officers Elected for Ensuing Year—Also Delegates to State Association and to New Orleans Convention.

Pursuant to a call published in a recent issue of the Lancaster News, the County Cotton Growers' Association met at the court house Monday, at noon, all sections of the county being represented. President Strait called the meeting to order and explained its object.

The election of permanent officers was entered upon and resulted as follows: Dr. T. J. Strait, president; T. W. McMurray, vice-president; Geo. W. Jones, secretary and treasurer. Executive Committee: C. L. McManus, Geo. W. Williams, W. G. A. Porter, W. McD. Brown.

The secretary and treasurer submitted his account, which was received as information and referred to the executive committee.

A motion was made and carried that a regular organizer be elected. Geo. W. Jones was accordingly nominated and elected to the position.

The following were elected delegates to the State Association: W. McD. Brown, C. L. McManus, President T. J. Strait. The chairman of the delegation was authorized to fill any vacancy occurring by appointment.

Mr. R. E. Wylie was elected delegate to the New Orleans convention. Mr. C. L. McManus was elected alternate.

Addresses were made during the meeting by Mayor Wylie, President Strait, Messrs. J. T. Green, C. L. McManus, Geo. W. Jones, and others.

The Association adjourned to meet first Monday in February, next.

The executive committee met after the meeting adjourned and organized by the election of Mr. C. L. McManus as chairman. T. J. Strait,

President.

Geo. W. Jones,
Secretary.

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Conference Appointments.

The Methodist Preachers and Where They are to Labor Another Year—R. E. Turnipseed Returned to Lancaster—Presiding Elder Meadors Transferred to Florence District.

The Methodist Conference, held at Spartanburg, adjourned Monday night. The meeting next year will be in Columbia.

The appointments for the Rock Hill District are as follows:

R. E. Stackhouse, presiding elder.

Blackstock—J. H. Noland. Chester, Bethel—M. L. Banks. Chester Circuit—J. M. Friday. East Chester—C. P. Carter. East Lancaster—P. B. Ingraham.

Fort Mill—J. C. Chandler. Hickory Grove—J. C. Countess. Lancaster—R. E. Turnipseed. Lancaster Circuit—W. S. Henry.

Lancaster Mills—W. A. Beckham.

Lando and Chester Mills—To be supplied by R. A. Rouse.

North Rock Hill—W. C. Winn. Richburg—W. A. Farley.

Rock Hill, St. Johns—W. B. Duncan.

Rock Hill Circuit—W. H. Arail.

Van Wyck—R. E. Sharp. Winstboro—Henry Stokes.

York Circuit—To be supplied by E. K. Hardin.

The former presiding elder, the Rev. W. P. Meadors, was made presiding elder of the Florence District.

The Rev. A. O. Jeffcoat is returned to Kershaw, and the Rev. Eavid Hucks to Heath Springs. J. M. Steadman goes to St. George, in North Charleston District; H. J. Caithen to North Augusta; R. A. Young to Barnwell; W. H. Hodges to Clinton; D. D. Jones to Greenville Circuit; J. W. Daniel to Columbia; J. B. Campbell to Beaufort; M. L. Carlisle to Bethel—Charleston; R. S. Truesdale to Anderson; L. L. Bedenbaugh to New Zion; A. N. Branson to Manning; S. H. Booth to St. Johns and Rembert; D. A. Phillips, to Bishopville; J. C. Beckwith to Florence; J. R. Copeland to Phoenix; J. J. Stevenson to Chesterfield; G. C. Leonard to Little Rock; W. A. Bells to Centenary.

E. O. Watson is presiding elder of Marion District; E. P. Taylor of Greenville District; J. W. Kilgo of Spartanburg District; W. T. Duncan of Colleton District; H. W. Browne of Sumter Dist; H. W. Bays of Charleston; R. Herbert Jones of Anderson; J. S. Beasley of Columbia; J. E. Carlisle of North Charleston District.

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